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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1 Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for identifying a 2 transcribed region of interest of a genome comprising:

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a) Hybridizing a plurality of nucleic acid probes with a nucleic acid sample, wherein said nucleic acid sample comprises transcripts from said genome, wherein said probes are targeting an area of said genome; and

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b) Identifying said transcribed region as a region of said genome where the hybridization intensities of all consecutive probes targeting said region are above a threshold value.

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- Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said
- probes are oligonucleotides.
- 1 Claim 3 (currently amended): The method of claim 3 <u>claim 2</u>
- wherein said oligonucleotides are immobilized on a
- 3 substrate.
- 1 Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said
- threshold is non-specific binding.

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- .1 Claim 5 (previously presented): The method of claim 1
 - wherein said non-specific binding is measured using a probe
- containing at least one mismatched base.
- 1 Claim 6 (currently amended): The method of claim 1 further comprising:

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- c) Identifying a sub-region wherein <u>said</u> hybridization intensities of said probes targeting said sub-region is are similar, thereby indicating said sub-region as said
- 7 transcribed region.
- 1 Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 6 wherein said
- genome is from a prokaryote.
- 1 Claim 8 (original): The method of claim 7 wherein said
- transcribed region is an operon.
- 1 Claim 9 (previously presented): The method of claim 7
- wherein said prokaryote is bacteria.

Claims 10-14 (canceled)